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PUBLIC NOTICES

Report No: N-63-A. Released: April 1, 1998. COMMON CARRIER NETWORK SERVICES APPLICATIONS ACTIONS.

Report No: 1354. Released: April 1, 1998. CABLE TELEVISION RELAY SERVICE (CARS) APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING.

Report No: DS-1828. Released: April 1, 1998. SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public Notices/1998/pnin8083.txt

Report No: DS-1827. Released: April 1, 1998. SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INFORMATION - RE: SATELLITE RADIO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public Notices/1998/pnin8082.txt

Report No: TEL-143-A. Released: April 1, 1998. STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AND SECTION 310(B)(4) APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING (FORMAL SECTION 63.18). Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public Notices/1998/pnin8081.txt

Released: April 1, 1998. PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON SPRINT'S PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING REMOVING CONDITIONS IMPOSED AS A RESULT OF FT AND DT INVESTMENT IN SPRINT.Comments due April 15; replies April 22. (DA No. 98-615). Contact: Laura B. Sherman, Telecommunications Division at (202) 418-1470. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public Notices/1998/da980615.txt

Report No: 44210. Released: April 1, 1998. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass Media/Public Notices/Brdcst Actions/ac980401.txt

Report No: 24210. Released: April 1, 1998. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass Media/Public Notices/Brdcst Applications/ap980401.txt

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OPERATOR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A ONCOR COMMUNICATIONS V. BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., BELLSOUTH PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND TELTRUST COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. Dismissed with prejudice Operator Communications, Inc., d/b/a ONCOR Communications, complaint against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., BellSouth Public Communications, Inc., and TelTrust Communications Services, alleging violation of a Commission order and Sections 201(b),

202(a), and 276 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; terminated proceedings. Action by Chief, Formal Complaints and Investigations Branch, Enforcement Division. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-621). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/1998/da980621.txt

E-SAT, INC. Authorized E-SAT, Inc. to launch and operate a six satellite non-voice, non-geostationary mobile-satellite service system in low Earth orbit in the 148-148.905 MHz uplink and the 137.0725-137.9725 MHz downlink frequency band. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by Order & Auth. (DA No. 98-619). IB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1998/da980619.txt

THUNDERBOLT BROADCASTING COMPANY. Denied Application for Review filed by Thunderbolt Broadcasting Company (TBC), licensee of WCDZ(FM), Dresden, Tennessee, seeking review of a September 27, 1996 letter order (Order) by the Assistant Chief, Audio Services Division, Mass Media Bureau which denied TBC's request for waivers of Sections 73.203 and 73.3573 of the Commission's Rules and dismissed TBC's application to modify and upgrade Station WCDZ from Class A to Class C3 on Channel 236 in Dresden, Tennessee. Action by the Commission. Adopted: February 26, 1998. by MO&O. (FCC No. 98-29). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass Media/Orders/1998/fcc98029.txt

ADDENDA: The following items, released March 31, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 61:
NEWS RELEASES

COMMON CARRIER ACTION - FCC ADOPTS DECISION ON ASSIGNMENT OF TOLL FREE VANITY NUMBERS - REPORT NO. CC 98-7 (CC DOCKET NO. 95-155). The Commission issued an Order Stating that vanity numbers in the new 877 toll free code and future toll free codes shall be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis as each code is deployed. Action by the Commission March 27, 1998, by Fourth Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order (FCC 98-48). News Media Contact: Rochelle Cohen (202) 418-0253. CCB Contact: Network Services Division's Toll Free Information Line at (202) 418-2340. TTY number is (202) 418-0484. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/News Releases/1998/nrcc8024.html

INTERNATIONAL ACTION - FCC GRANTS LICENSES FOR EMERGING LITTLE LEO SERVICES TO E-SAT, VITA, ORBCOMM AND FINAL ANALYSIS - REPORT NO. IN 98-14. The FCC's International Bureau has granted, subject to certain specified conditions, authorizations to four companies to operate non-voice, non-geostationary mobile-satellite systems in low Earth orbit (NVNG MSS or Little Leo systems). Action by the Chief, International Bureau, March 31, 1998, by Orders and Authorizations (DA Nos. 98-616, 98-617, 98-618, and 98-619). News Media Contact: Rosemary Kimball (202) 418-0500. IB Contact: Cassandra Thomas and Robert Calaff at (202) 418-0420. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News Releases/1998/nrin8010.txt



Report No: 44209. Released: March 31, 1998. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass Media/Public Notices/Brdcst Actions/ac980331.txt

Report No: 24209. Released: March 31, 1998. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass Media/Public Notices/Brdcst Applications/ap980331.txt

Report No: 1982. Released: March 31, 1998. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU WEEKLY RECEIPTS AND DISPOSALS.

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TOLL FREE SERVICE ACCESS CODES. Ordered that vanity numbers in the new 877 toll free code and future toll free codes shall be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis as each code is deployed. Dkt No.: CC- 95-155. Action by the Commission. Adopted: March 27, 1998. by 4th R&O and MO & O. (FCC No. 98-48). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/1998/fcc98048.pdf

1997 ANNUAL ACCESS TARIFF FILINGS. Denied petitions for reconsideration filed by Bell Atlantic and SBC Communications of Commission's order concluding its investigation of local exchange carrier (LEC) 1997 annual access tariff filings; granted petition filed by the Puerto Rico Telephone Company for clarification of the 1997 Annual Access Tariff Investigation Order. Dkt No.: CC- 97-149. Action by the Commission. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by MO&O on Recond. (FCC No. 98-52). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/1998/fcc98052.txt

TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY. Granted, to the extent indicated, petitions filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Pacific Bell (Pacific) requesting extensions of the Commission's Local Number Portability (LNP) Deployment Schedule and a petition for waiver of the requirement, set forth in section 52.23(e) of the Commission's rules, that a company seeking to extend a number portability implementation deadline must do so at least 60 days in advance of that deadline; date for the SBC Companies' Phase I implementation of LNP in the Houston, TX MSA is extended to May 26, 1998. Dkt No.: CC- 95-116. Action by Chief, Network Services Division. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-613). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/1998/da980613.txt

TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY. Granted, subject to requirements and conditions, petitions for extensions of Phase I deadline of March 31, 1998 for implementing local number portability (LNP) based on the change of Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC), filed by thirteen individual carriers in the Southeast, Western, and West Coast regions; granted the petition of GTEC for an extension of the Phase I implementation deadline for reasons unrelated to the change of NPAC. Dkt No.: CC- 95-116. Action by Chief, Network Services Division. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by Order. (DA No. 98-614). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/1998/da980614.txt

TARIFFS IMPLEMENTING ACCESS CHARGE REFORM. Suspended for one day from the effective date tariff revisions including revisions to reflect their modified universal service fund support obligations resulting from the Commission's issuance of Second Quarter 1998 USF contribution factors filed by Ameritech, Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies, NYNEX Telephone Companies, Sprint Local Telephone Companies and U S West Communications, Inc.; instituted and consolidated in CC Docket No. 97-250 an investigation of the referenced tariff transmittal. Dkt No.: CC- 97-250. Action by Chief, Competitive Pricing Division. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-590). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/1998/da980590.txt

WILDERNESS VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. Adopted, on its own motion, Order on Reconsideration of the February 26, 1998 Order granting Wilderness Valley's petition requesting a waiver of section 69.605(c) of the Commission's rules in order to address another specific waiver necessary to allow Wilderness Valley to participate in NECA's average schedule settlements; waived, to the extent discussed, the incumbent LEC requirements of sections 69.2 and 69.601 of the Commission's rules. Action by Chief, Accounting and Audits Division. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by Order on Recon. (DA No. 98-603). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/1998/da980603.txt

TIME WARNER CABLE. Granted appeal and remanded a case involving a local rate order issued by Guilford County, North Carolina. The County used the Commission's rate regulation framework to address technical and content quality concerns and to criticize operator's progress on equipment modernization and extension of

service. Action by Acting Bureau Chief. Adopted: March 27, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-611). CSB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da980611.txt

FALCON CABLE MEDIA. Granted appeal and remanded a case involving a local rate order issued by New Hanover County, North Carolina. The County improperly used the Commission's rate regulation framework to address customer service concerns and enforce the Commission's non-rate rules. Action by Acting Bureau Chief. Adopted: March 27, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-610). CSB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1998/da980610.txt

VOLUNTEERS IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. Authorized Volunteers in Technical Assistance (VITA) to launch and operate an additional satellite in its non-voice, non-geostationary mobile satellite service system in low Earth orbit in the 149.81-149.9 MHz uplink and the 400.5983-400.645 MHz downlink frequency bands. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by Order & Auth. (DA No. 98-618). IB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1998/da980618.txt

ORBITAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. Authorized Orbital Communications Corporation to modify its non-voice, non-geostationary mobile -satellite service system authorized in the first processing round. Action by Bureau Chief. Adopted: March 31, 1998. by Order & Auth. (DA No. 98-617). IB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1998/da980617.txt

ADDENDA: The following items, released March 27, 1998, did not appear in Digest No. 5
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TARIFFS IMPLEMENTING ACCESS CHARGE REFORM. Suspended for one day from the effective date the tariff revisions filed by U S West Communications, Inc. re: access tariff filing; instituted and consolidated in CC Docket No. 97-250 an investigation of the referenced tariff transmittal. Dkt No.: CC- 97-250. Action by Chief, Competitive Pricing Division. Adopted: March 27, 1998. by MO&O. (DA No. 98-567). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/1998/da980567.txt